



Lizard Head Hockey Club Tryout/Evaluation Policy:

The purpose of the Lizard Head Hockey Club tryout process is to evaluate a player's skating ability, hockey skills and commitment to teamwork, in order to place him or her on a team that will provide the best environment for improving their self-confidence and enjoyment of the sport of ice hockey. This tryout/evaluation policy will only come into affect if the number of registered participates in any given age level warrants two or more teams at the same age level and therefore a tryout is deemed necessary by the Lizard Head Hockey Board.

The tryouts for the Lizard Head teams will be held over the first 2 weeks the rink is open at the start of each season. Tryout dates and times will be posted on the Lizard Head Hockey website (www.telluridehockey.com). In order to tryout, a player must be paid in full for the prior season and either paid in full for the current season or have an approved financial aid request with an initial \$100.00 non-refundable deposit for the current season. This is not a tryout fee, it is a deposit towards the current season's tuition.

The number of tryout sessions may vary with each level depending on the number of players registered. We want to provide skaters every opportunity to show their skills, while at the same time obtain thorough and consistent evaluations.

All skaters and goaltenders that wish to be considered for the Lizard Head Hockey higher level teams must attend tryouts. Exceptions may only be granted by the Hockey Board due to injuries or other unavoidable situations. Team and roster sizes will be determined depending on the number of children registered and trying out. No child will be eliminated from playing hockey, this is purely an evaluation of skill for team placement.

The following guidelines have been established and there are no exceptions to these guidelines without approval of the Lizard Head Hockey Board of Directors.

Evaluations

For each level the Lizard Head Hockey Board will create a committee of evaluators consisting of the Telluride Lizard Head Hockey Club's Executive Director as well as a minimum of 2 additional non parent coaches. These non parent coaches shall be selected by the Executive Director and approved by the Lizard Head Hockey Board. Evaluators will use a standardized scoring system that will assess skating ability and hockey skills at each level during scheduled tryout sessions. All skaters will be given colored pinnies/jerseys with numbers. Evaluation sheets will be issued to the evaluators with pinnie/jersey colors and numbers only, no names will be provided.

Evaluation Guidelines

Tryout sessions will consist of drills that allow players to display their individual skating abilities as well as their shooting and passing abilities with an emphasis on situational play and scrimmages. Evaluators will be at the rink observing in the stands and are instructed not to share comments with each other on any players being evaluated.

Evaluators are instructed to rate players using a standardized evaluation system, with an overall score taking into consideration the following:

- Skating Skills
- Hockey skills
- Team work
- Situational/Decision making

Notification

Once the evaluation process is completed, and the initial rosters are created and approved by the Telluride Lizard Head Hockey Club Executive Director the players and parents will be notified. Notification will generally take place within 48 hours from the final date of the tryout, every effort will be made to notify skaters within 24 hours of completion of the tryout.

Discipline

It should be noted that inappropriate behavior by a skater or parent on or off ice during the tryouts will not be tolerated and could eliminate a player from being selected for **ANY** Lizard Head Hockey team. Inappropriate behavior includes, but is not limited to excessive force and penalty situations such as illegal checking, elbowing, tripping, and harassment of other skaters on or off the ice, disrespect to coaches, evaluators or organizers and use of foul language. All players must read and sign the Code of Conduct prior to participating in tryouts. This will be submitted as part of the registration process at tryouts for the upcoming season.

Feed Back and/or Grievances

Should a player or parent have a concern with the selection process and/or a player's placement they should contact the Hockey Coordinator and/or Telluride Lizard Head Hockey Club Director of Coaching. The Lizard Head Hockey Board will then be contacted to weigh in on the placement concern. The Telluride Lizard Head Hockey Club's Director of Coaching, Hockey Coordinator and Board have the right to contact prior coaches, current coaches, and any evaluators to reach a decision on any grievances. Whatever decision is made by the collective group of the Telluride Lizard Head Hockey Club's Director of Coaching, Hockey Coordinator, Coaches and the Lizard Head Hockey Board shall stand and both player and parent agree to accept said decision and proceed per this final decision.

We hope that this summary of the tryout and team selection process has been informative. We understand the potential frustrations that come up as this process unfolds. Please keep in mind that we are doing our best to evaluate your children and place them on the correct team that will allow them to improve as hockey players but more importantly to have fun. Experience has shown that an individual player will achieve the most success and make the most developmental progress over the course of the season if that player is competing at the proper level for his or her ability.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the Hockey Coordinator and/or the Lizard Head Hockey Board.